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Israel

Haig Message -- U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig informed Prime Minister Menahem Begin "in a message described as very friendly" that the United States is ready to implement the memorandum of understanding, Jerusalem television reported. Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon will discuss the memorandum with Haig and U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger during his visit to Washington at the end of May, the television added.

Northern Border Situation -- The problem of terrorism from Lebanese territory can only be solved by military action, Chief of Staff Rafa'el Eytan declared in an interview with YEDI'OT AHARONOT, Jerusalem radio reported. Eytan confirmed that military forces have been concentrated in the north and that the regular army is on a state of alert, the radio added. Meanwhile, DAVAR reported that Eytan and Defense Minister Sharon both met separately with leaders of the northern settlements for the purpose of guaranteeing a consensus between the northern inhabitants and the government over the urgent need for Israeli military action in Lebanon.

During a meeting with a Knesset committee Prime Minister Menahem Begin said that the Cabinet is not interested in having a war in the north but that Israel will not allow Jewish blood to be spilled freely, IDF radio reported. Begin accused the PLO of violating the Lebanese cease-fire and of annulling the agreement, the radio said. Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir also criticized the PLO during a meeting with visiting Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, Jerusalem radio reported. Shamir accused the PLO of sabotaging the cease-fire and of not halting their activities on other fronts.

Jerusalem radio reported that U.S. special envoy Philip Habib is likely to visit the Middle East soon to try to preserve the cease-fire on the Lebanon border.

Meanwhile, the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio reported that over the past 24 hours Israeli units have reinforced their military positions in Lebanon in three villages along the southern border. The radio also noted that an Israeli artillery battalion had taken up positions near Mazra'it.

Students Arrested -- Eight Bethlehem University students suspected of security offenses were arrested by security forces, Jerusalem radio reported. Meanwhile, 30 Bir Zayt University students arrested on 11 May were released, the radio said. Earlier the radio reported that they had been detained when they resisted the arrest of two students who had been caught with subversive material.

Lebanon

Three persons were killed and several others wounded in a clash near Sidon between a group belonging to Mustafa Sa'd and members of the unified security force belonging to Fatah, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Voice of Hope radio reported that the head of the Arab University Student Union was killed in Sidon in an ambush.

Egypt

The Egyptian and U.S. sides at the autonomy talks discussed ways of advancing the negotiations related to the transitional stage, Foreign Ministry Under Secretary ash-Shafi'i 'Abd al-Hamid announced following meetings between the two sides, Cairo radio reported. The radio said Egypt and the United States will continue their contacts on a bilateral level. Throughout the discussions the Egyptian side emphasized the importance of

implementing procedures for building trust so there would be an incentive for the Palestinians to participate, the radio noted. According to an earlier radio report, Al-Hamid said the two sides had planned to discuss the powers and jurisdiction of the Palestinian authority that will supervise the transitional period.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraqi forces continued to pound Iranian troops north of Khorramshahr with various weapons, according to a military communique carried by INA. The communique claimed that one Iranian plane had been shot down west of the Karun River.

According to an Iranian Armed Forces communique carried by Tehran radio, the navy sank an Iraqi gunboat on 12 May in the waters between Al-Bakr and Al-Umayyah.

Iran

A Foreign Ministry statement carried by Tehran radio warned Muslims of a new U.S. plot to return Egypt to the Arab fold. It said Egypt's return to the Arab nation would impose the Camp David agreement on the Arabs. The statement added that Egypt's involvement in the Iran-Iraq war has lent legitimacy to its efforts to reenter the Arab world -- "a legitimacy through which Iran is attacked by Egypt, Iraq and all their allies."

Jordan

The Foreign Ministry expressed grave concern over a decision by Costa Rica to transfer its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, JNA reported. The Jordanian Government has asked the Arab League secretary general to contact Arab countries in order to implement resolutions adopted at Arab conferences on this issue. Jordan also asked the Arab League to protest to Costa Rica and to point out the adverse effects of its decision on relations with Arab countries, JNA noted.

Libya

The SUDANESE NEWS AGENCY carried a report about a recent military coup attempt against Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi. The report claims that Brig Gen Mustafa al-Kharrubi was wounded in the attempt. Al-Qadhdhafi ordered the execution of the colonel who led the attempted coup, the report said.

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KARMAL RETURNS TO KABUL FROM UZBEKISTAN 13 MAY

LD132116 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 13 May 82

[Excerpt] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and the DRA party and government delegation returned to Kabul this afternoon after inaugurating the friendship bridge over Amu Darya.

Members of the politburo, deputy chairmen of the Revolutionary Council; vice presidents of the DRA Revolutionary Council; (?members) of the DRA Council of Ministers and the Soviet representative in Kabul welcomed Babrak Karmal at Kabul Airport.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that Sharaf Rashidov, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and first secretary of the Communist Party of Uzbekistan; Khudayberdyyev, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Uzbek SSR; Karimov, first secretary of the Surkhandarinskaya Obkom; members of the Uzbek SSR Council of Ministers; representatives of the party and social organizations; and a large number of Termez city toilers bade farewell to Karmal at Termez Airport.

BRIEFS

RATEBZAD RECEIVES BULGARIAN DELEGATION -- Kabul, 13 May (BAKHTAR) -- Dr. Anahita Ratebzad, member of Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Organization of Peace, Solidarity and Friendship of Afghanistan met with the delegation of Bulgarian-Afghan Friendship Association led by Atwan Paramov [name as received], member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria and chairman of Bulgarian-Afghan Friendship Association, here today. In this meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest for the further strengthening of friendship between the friendship associations of the both countries. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0429 GMT 14 May 82 LD]

SPECIAL MARTIAL LAW COURT SENTENCES 4 TO DEATH

BK131720 Hong Kong AFP in English 1549 GMT 13 May 82

[Excerpt] Dacca, 12 May (AFP) -- In a major judgement since imposition of martial law in Bangladesh 1 1/2 months back, a special martial law court today sentenced four persons including a veteran criminal, Emdadul Haque, to death by hanging for "cold-blooded and premeditated murder," official agency BSS reported tonight.

The court which tried 17 criminals since last month for the gruesome murder of a man near Dacca in March, 1981, also sentenced one accused to transporation (banishment to penal colony) for life and ten others to various terms of imprisonment while acquitting two suspects.

The agency said this was the first judgement announced by the Special Martial Law Court No 1, one of several such courts constituted by Chief Martial Law Administrator Gen. Ershad.

After examining 12 prosecution witnesses during the trial, the three-member court passed the unanimous judgement.

FORMER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MINISTER UNDER ARREST

BK120219 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 12 May 82

[Text] Former Minister for Youth Development Abul Kasem has been asked to report to the nearest martial law authorities within the next 72 hours. If he fails to report within the specified time action will be taken against him under relevant (?regulation) of the martial law. [Dacca Domestic Service in English at 1705 GMT on 13 May reports the arrest of Abul Kasem]

BRIEFS

AUSTRALIAN GRANT -- Australia will provide 30,000 tons of wheat as grant to Bangladesh in addition to 70,000 tons and 11,025 tons of wheat [it] agreed to give earlier. The total quantity of Asustralian food grant (wheat) for the year 1981-82 thus comes to 111,025 tons according to a public information department handout. Australia has also agreed to make advanced shipment of 50,000 tons of wheat in mid-1982 from the allocation of wheat grant to Bangladesh for the year 1982-83. The Government of Australia has substantially increased their food aid to Bangladesh this year. Australia has, so far, provided Bangladesh an amount of approximately dollar 120.00 million [as published] in the form of food and has also been providing project, commodity and technical assistance thereby contributing to development efforts in Bangladesh. [Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 4 May 82 p 1 BK]

GANDHI DENIES CHANCE OF POKHRAN-TYPE EXPLOSION

BK130307 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 May 82

[Text] The prime minister said that a decision on the date of her visit to the United States will soon be taken. Mrs Gandhi was addressing pressmen at the Calcutta Airport immediately after her arrival from Cochin. She said the country can progress only through higher productivity in industry and agriculture. She said India has to be made a powerful nation by raising the economic status of the downtrodden. The progress, she pointed out also depends on a peaceful atmosphere. The prime minister denied having said that the law and order situation is not conducive for holding elections in West Bengal.

Later, addressing a mammoth public meeting, the prime minister also denied the possibility of the country undertaking a second Pokhran-type explosion. She said the Bharatiya Janata Party has been spreading this rumor.

CANADA SAID TO SUPPLY FAULTY NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT

BK111715 Hong Kong AFP in English 0600 GMT 10 May 82

[Text] New Delhi, 10 May (AFP) -- Indian nuclear scientists have accused Canada of supplying defective equipment for the Rajasthan atomic energy plant in north-west India, which has had 251 breakdowns since its commissioning nine years ago.

"Canada has indeed done its (?experiments at the cost of) India," the Indian news agency UNI quoted the scientists as saying in a report published today.

They said the recurring trouble at the Rs. 1,650 million (about 183 million U.S. dollars) plant might plague it for all its life unless drastic changes were made.

The plant's equipment was supplied by Canada under an agreement with the Indian Government.

The 440 mega watts plant, which has never worked at more than 60 percent of its capacity, was shut down indefinitely on March 4.

The latest trouble in one of the two units has been ascribed to leakage in one of the operational tubes.

ALL INDIA RADIO TO BE IDENTIFIED AS AKASHVANI

BK131405 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 13 May 82

[Text] All India Radio will be identified as Akashvani from tomorrow in all its English and language news broadcast. This follows an assurance given by Minister for Information and Broadcasting Vasant Sathe at a meeting of the Hindi advisory committee of his ministry.

VICE CHIEF OF STAFF LEAVES FOR PRC VISIT

BK140302 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 13 May 82

[Text] Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen Nawaz Khan left Karachi for Beijing today on a 17-day official visit to China.

WALI KHAN, OTHER MRD LEADERS ATTACK THE PRESS

OW131720 Lahore JANG in Urdu 3 May 82 p 1

[Text] Peshawar, 2 May (JANG correspondent) -- The leader of the defunct Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) addressing a rally on May Day said: "Unfortunately our workers are being denied the rights which have been available to labor in other countries for the past 100 years." He said the teachers were also laborers who have taken a stand for their rights. We salute their resolve and fortitude, he said.

He also said: "We drove the British out of this country because they had usurped our rights." However, he said, "it is strange that today we have lost even the rights we had acquired during the British days. He advised those who have little respect for leaders of other parties or groups to learn some. "If they do not," he said, "it will be difficult for us to control the emotions of our young men." Wali Khan said that for the past 40 years people have been fed lies. He added: "I have only said one truth which was so bitter that our opponents are now using abusive language against us and I have more than 100 such truths with me." He added: "I say again that Pakistan is my country. We are citizens of Pakistan and we do not need any kind of certificate from anybody to prove this." He said, "Here there is talk of reviving Islam. The Islamic laws can be introduced at once if there is the will."

Wali Khan alluded to certain papers and said he had not talked about bringing them to account, but, he said, "We have been dubbed traitors. We may be forced to make public the true state of affairs." Wali Khan said: We demand our brotherly share and if we are denied that right, we have the capability of acquiring it through other means.

(Haji Ahmad Bilor), another MRD leader, addressed the rally and assailed the two papers (not JANG). He threatened that if the papers do not cease their propaganda against the MRD they will be dealt with. Another MRD leader, (Haji Mohammad 'Adeel), in his speech said the governments that deny the workers their rights disappear without a trace.

SIND GOVERNMENT TEACHERS CALL OFF STRIKE

BK140147 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 May 82

[Text] The Sind Government secondary school teachers association has called off its province-wide strike. This was stated in Karachi today. This decision was taken following detailed discussions between a 10-member delegation of the association and Sind Education Minister Justice Syed Ghaus Ali Shah. The teachers association has also issued a joint statement duly signed by the members of the delegation along with the appeal to call off the strike.

BRIEFS

NUMBER OF AFGHAN REFUGEES -- The number of Afghan refugees living in Pakistan is over 2.7 million. Of these, over 2 million refugees are living in the Northwest Frontier Province and over 1/2 million are in Baluchistan. The chief commissioner for Afghan refugees, in an interview with Radio Pakistan, said that about one-fourth of the population of Afghanistan are living in Pakistan. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 10 May 82 BK]

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 904 ON BATTLE SUCCESSES

LD131758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 May 82

[Communique No 904 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name, Muslim and revolutionary nation of Iran: The combatants of Islam, these self-sacrificing warriors at the battlefronts of truth against falsehood, by relying upon Almighty God and the noble verse of: If God helps you, no one can defeat you; and by sacrificing their lives, are continuing to attack the Saddamist infidels.

These combatants, by rolling the Ba'thist invaders in dust and blood, by maintaining the initiative in the operations, by maintaining fire superiority and by maintaining their full control of the sky and the blue waters of our Islamic homeland, are showing the power of faith and the greatness of Islam in the destruction of the infidels, these beastly criminals.

According to a report from the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at 2010 last night warriors of the navy succeeded in destroying one of the last gunboats in the Iraqi Navy. The gunboat was destroyed between the Al-Bakr and Al-Umayyah jetties and sank to the bottom of the sea. During this successful operation, most of the crew of the sunken Iraqi gunboat were killed. Thanks to Almighty God our combatants were not harmed.

Thanks to the fire of our brave warriors on the Khorramshahr front, 10 bunkers for light and heavy weight weapons and 2 Iraqi trucks were destroyed. Several enemy troops were either killed or wounded.

On the Salehabad front, ground forces combatants opened artillery fire on enemy positions and, while silencing the artillery fire of the Saddamists, destroyed one 106mm gun and several of their trucks and killed several Iraqi soldiers.

Sporadic exchanges of fire continued in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab, Sumar and Gilan-e Gharb sectors. Several enemy supply points were destroyed and several of their troops were either killed or wounded.

The ground forces' artillery fire on the Marivan front set ablaze several equipment depots and trenches of the Iraqi forces in the (Margineh)sector.

On the Paveh and Nowsud fronts our powerful combatants succeeded in pounding and destroying one Saddamist vehicle and several supply and logistic points.

Brave warriors of the gendarmerie on the Band Kabud and Kani Sakht fronts opened fire on Saddamist positions and destroyed one ammunition dump and three enemy trenches and foxholes. Several enemy soldiers were also killed.

On the Abadan front the enemy fire was silenced and about 15 Iraqi trenches and foxholes were destroyed. More than 50 Iraqi troops were killed and the movements of the Saddamists on the Fao-Basra axis was halted.

Yesterday, Saddamist mercenaries opened long-range artillery fire on Abadan and martyred or wounded several of our dear compatriots. Several of Abadan's residential units were damaged.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

VELAYATI INTERVIEWED ON WAR, QABUS, MUBARAK

LD132036 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 May 82

[Text] Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati, this afternoon answered questions put to him by our correspondents on topics such as the effect of the Islam combatants' recent victories; remarks made by the heads of Jordan and Egypt on the security issue in the Persian Gulf; and Iran's demand for the transfer of the forthcoming nonaligned summit from Baghdad. We draw your attention to this interview.

[Begin recording] [Question] Recently, the Islamic combatant forces have gained considerable victories. As the minister of foreign affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, how do you assess the effects of these victories?

[Answer] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. The recent victories by the Islamic combatants came as no surprise to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, but they surprised those who have always underestimated us. Certain reactions in the region to our victories are mostly hateful, unbalanced and illogical. Recent reactions by some of our region's mercenary leaders such as Qabus and Mubarak and the discussions these two held, their effect and foreign reactions to their discussions are indicative of their fear of the victories obtained by the combatants of Islam. What they are actually worried about is the future of their own regimes. They believe the Saddam regime has fallen apart and they can see themselves facing the same destiny. Therefore, they have conducted a series of discussions on the issue for the purpose of opposing and creating conflict with the Islamic Republic of Iran. These are nothing but illogical and unrealistic reactions by these gentlemen.

[Question] A number of the Arab countries are trying to bring Egypt back into the Arab fold and also the leaders of the interested parties such as Egypt and Jordan have remarked on the security of the Persian Gulf. What are your comments?

[Answer] Since the beginning of the war a number of the region's reactionary countries have tried through financial and arms aid, to put the Saddam regime on its feet. Yet, a year and half of war has proved to them that they have made a futile investment. They see that Saddam is on the brink of collapse and therefore they have now gone to the mercenary regime of Mubarak. The leader of this initiative, on behalf of the mercenary regimes of the region, is Qabus, the shah of Oman. In fact, the price being asked by these regimes to allow Egypt to return to the Arab ranks is Egyptian aid to stop the collapse of the Saddam regime.

It is natural to believe that with Egypt's isolation in recent years, the Egyptian regime would welcome such a development. But as far as we are concerned, we believe maximum aid has already been rendered to the Saddam regime by all these other regimes, including the Egyptian Government, and nothing further can be done.

In fact, as a cover, they are now directing their efforts toward creating psychological war against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The contradictory remarks made by them indicate these facts: On the one hand they say they supported the Saddam regime and on the other hand they say they have asked the two sides in the war to end the conflict. These contradictory remarks are the result of confusion. They wish to stop the fall of Saddam, yet they do not have the means to do so. Therefore, with the psychological war they have launched they are saying they supported Saddam. However, I am sure they will not be able to do more than they have already done to support Saddam against the millions of committed and Muslim people of Iran.

At the same time, because of their inability, they have requested an end to the war and the establishment of a cease-fire. They have made these requests forgetting about the fate of justice, the fate of the huge damage inflicted upon our nation, the future of the Iraqi-occupied lands, the major part of which -- thank God -- has been liberated by our combatants.

In connection with the Persian Gulf, I must inform Mr Mubarak that if a number of reactionary leaders of the region have forgotten the treason committed by As-Sadat and himself concerning the Sinai desert and recognition of Israel, the Muslim people of our region have not. They have witnessed how the Israeli forces in the Sinai have been replaced by NATO forces. The task of maintaining peace and security in the Persian Gulf is the sole responsibility of the countries in the region. They who know well the meaning of the arrival of Mr Mubarak in the Persian Gulf region, in view of the fact that he is an American element, that is, we would extend and consolidate U.S. influence in the region and therefore put an end to peace there. No logical regime would welcome such a development.

[Question] What is your opinion on the statement of the Yugoslav president, who said that as long as the war between Iran and Iraq continues, the summit conference of nonaligned countries should not take place in Baghdad?

[Answer] Iran was the first country to request the change of venue, and based its request on logical reasons. Gradually, other countries have come to understand and endorse Iran's logical request. Recent developments indicate an increase in demand for a change of venue from Baghdad. It is natural not to convene a summit of international importance in the capital of a regime whose future is obscure. In addition, it is very doubtful that the heads of the Nonaligned Movement would entrust the presidency of the movement for the next 3 years to a regime that may not remain in power for the next 3 months. [end recording]

FOREIGN MINISTRY ON RECONCILIATION WITH EGYPT

LD140912 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 14 May 82

[Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- no date given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Israel should be destroyed: Imam Khomeyni. The 15th of May [as heard] marks the anniversary of the usurpation of the land of Palestine. Thirty-four years ago the evil rulers at that time, whose hands were soiled with the blood of the oppressed people of the world, committed a great and frightful crime. In that year, after the UN General Assembly voted on 15 May to divide Palestine, this cancerous cell was implanted by colonialism. Since then the legitimate rights of the Islamic ummah, especially the Muslim Palestinian nation, have been usurped and this germ of corruption has to breathe life. Unfortunately, it still continues to feed on the blood of the Muslim nations.

These days we witness the collaboration of world superpowers in hatching and implementing new plots against the Muslim and oppressed nations of the region. The strategic treaty between criminal America and the Zionist regime, their joint military maneuvers in the Mediterranean during the coming week, creating clashes among the Muslim and progressive groups in Lebanon -- and even more important, the criminal and degrading plans which are being raised every so often -- are some of these conspiracies.

The question which is posed by the Islamic Republic of Iran is: Despite witnessing the daily aggressions and violations of the Zionist regime, are the reactionary governments of the region prepared to accept such degrading and shameful plans and can they explain these actions to their Muslim nations?

Hereby, we warn the Muslim people of the region to be aware that a new plot is being hatched by criminal America: It is the return of Egypt to the Arab community. The Islamic ummah should know that by returning to the Arab community Egypt will also drag with it the shameful Camp David agreement and will impose it upon the Arab community. In that case, the ground will be prepared for the reactionary regimes and they will achieve their old desire, which is to compromise with the Palestinian regime.

4. By directly involving itself in the Iran-Iraq war the traitorous regime of Egypt has properly carried out its role as a middleman between the reactionary governments of the region and the usurping regime in Palestine and has lent legitimacy to its reentry into the Arab community -- a legitimacy through which the Islamic revolution of Iran is attacked by Egypt, Iraq and all their allies, and the Palestinian revolution is attacked by criminal Zionism.

However, one point should have been made abundantly clear: The only way to liberate Jerusalem and the Palestinian lands is to continue the struggle until the complete destruction of this cancerous cell. Only the Muslim nations of the region, especially the Palestinian nation, with their uprising both inside the occupied land and outside it, through mobilization and unity of expression, can achieve this great goal. Hoping for the unity of all Muslims and the liberation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque from the hands of usurping Zionism.

[Signed] The minister of foreign affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Radio Commentary

GF140635 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0425 GMT 14 May 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Perhaps the most significant and serious development currently taking place is the suspect attempts to restore Arab relations with the Egyptian regime. It is as though some regimes were waiting for the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai and then forgot everything -- forgot As-Sadat's shameful visit to the occupied territories and forgot the Egyptian regime's stabbing of the Palestinian cause by sitting down with the enemy and recognizing him and agreeing with him to liquidate the Palestinian revolution.

What has happened to the conferences and the resounding speeches and flowery statements that were made when the Camp David accords were signed? What has happened to the summit conference held in Baghdad? What has happened to the summit's resolutions? It is as though all these statements, stands and events were no more than a long 3-year dream. It is as though the Arab Muslim became during those years a character in a fairy tale similar to the tales of the thousand and one Arabian nights -- a 1,001 nights of lying and playing on the nerves of the masses, a 1,001 nights which some regimes spent in [words indistinct] As-Sadat, Begin and those of their ilk.

What was the result of that awful nightmare? The result is what we see in Cairo today, for Cairo has become the Mecca of agents and renegades. Qabus has left Cairo while the shah of Jordan in returning to it, and he will leave to be followed by a high-ranking Iraqi official -- according the the AL-AHRAM of 2 days ago. Where are the zeal and ardent patriotism and pan-Arabism -- they have been abandoned by these slaves, these stooges of imperialism and hirelings of Zionism.

If As-Sadat were alive today and could see the eagerness of some Arab rulers to join the Camp David policy, he would plant another kiss on the cheek of Begin, who had chosen for him this path -- a path which he immortalized in the dead conscience of some rulers who are only too ready to pray for As-Sadat's soul to honor the martyr of Camp David and his sound policy in serving imperialism.

What is happening in Egypt? This is the question all sincere Muslims are asking. The new conspiracy is worse than the Camp David conspiracy. The visits which are being made to Cairo nowadays are worse than As-Sadat's shameful visit to Tel Aviv. This is because what As-Sadat did was no more than a personal matter and the agreement he concluded with Begin was no more than an agreement between agents. As for the current visits of agents to Cairo, they constitute more than a collective recognition of an illegal regime. The visits aim to give legitimacy to the Camp David policy and expand it so that it will include other parties.

During the past phase of their bitter struggle against capitulatory plans, the masses laid down a clear formula in which they said: Anyone who extends his hand to the Egyptian regime extends his hand to the Zionist enemy. Acceptance of this regime means acceptance of the Camp Daivd policy. This formula was asserted at the Baghdad summit conference. The rulers were compelled by the people to adopt such a formula. However, after some time the rulers disavowed this formula and began to have relations with the Egyptian regime as though it had done nothing. What is strange is that they justify their new relationship with Mubarak on the basis that As-Sadat, who was a party to the Camp David policy, is dead. It is true that he is dead but the Camp David policy is still alive and the regime that rules Egypt today is following As-Sadat's policy. As-Sadat has died [words indistinct] is today represented by Husni Mubarak's regime. Those who seek to justify their treason by As-Sadat's death are the most stupid of all. The conflict has been and continues to be with Zionism and imperialism. It was never with a particular person. As-Sadat's regime was ostracized by all Muslims because it served Zionism and imperialism. As Mubarak is pursuing the same policy he should also be boycotted.

The visits to Cairo and attempts to bring about a rapprochement with Egypt by some rulers are incompar'ble even with the concept propounded by the parties to these attempts or with the exceptions of imperialism which did not imagine that any Arab country would extend its hand to Mubarak's regime with such haste. This confirms that there are objectives other than those stated and projected in the Camp David accords which the imperialist parties seek in their approach to the Egyptian regime. Briefly, these objectives are to make use of the Egyptian regime's military power -- whose effectiveness was blunted after the Camp David accords -- to protect another regime that is following the path that has been set for it, Saddam's regime, which has begun to collapse through the efforts of the heroes of Islam. Thus, the Camp David forces have found themselves facing the Islamic revolution, having recnetly laid down their arms against the Israeli enemy.

ALGERIAN INVESTIGATING TEAM ENDS VISIT 12 MAY

LD121120 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 May 82

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the 10-member delegation of Algerian engineering experts, who came to Tehran to investigate the crash of the aircraft carrying the martyr Ben Yahia, the Algerian foreign minister, and his delegation, caused by Iraqi fighter aircraft, left Tehran at noon today. During its 1-week stay, the delegation visited the scene of the incident and after considering available evidence took away pieces of the rocket belonging to the Iraqi fighters and of the crashed aircraft found at the scene.

Clandestine Radio Comment

GF131739 (Clandestine) *Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 13 May 82*

[Text] Well-informed Algerian sources have told foreign correspondents that the Algerian Government is well aware of the lies and cover stories of the leaders of Tehran regime concerning the crash of the aircraft carrying Ben Yahia, the former Algerian foreign minister. Due to political considerations and in order to maintain their diplomatic and economic ties with Iran, however, they have not revealed the facts about the crash.

The wreckage of the aircraft which crashed inside Iran close to the Turkish border to Algeria may confirm the role of the fighters of the Islamic Republic in the crash. However, informed sources say it is clear that the Algerian Government will not make a clear statement about this and will not condemn Khomeyni's regime. The sources believe the Algerian insistence on examining of the pieces of the aircraft is more for the sake of clearing up the facts and revealing the hand of Khomeyni's regime so that when it has confirmed proof it can obtain some form of concession to end the war between Iran and Iraq.

Khomeyni's regime, immediately after the crash and without any investigation, accused Iraq of shooting down the aircraft. Military and air transportation experts believe Iraqi aircraft would have had to enter Turkish airspace first before entering Iranian airspace, and this would not have been possible because Turkey does not allow passage to other countries' military aircraft without prior permission. Furthermore, the mission of the former Algerian minister concerned with ending the war was not to the taste of the Khomeyni regime.

Also, the responsibility for ensuring the safety of flights in Iranian airspace lies with the Islamic Republican regime. Considering the fact that the regime was aware of the time of the aircraft's departure and the time it entered Iranian airspace, it should have guaranteed the safety of the flight. If Iraqi fighters did enter Iranian airspace, why were the regime's antiaircraft defenses unable to combat this? Furthermore, during the past 20 months there is no record of any passenger aircraft entering Iranian airspace from Turkey being attacked by Iraqi fighters.

VELAYATI, YUGOSLAV ENVOY DISCUSS BAGHDAD SUMMIT

LD131808 *Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 May 82*

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Yugoslav ambassador in Tehran has met and conferred with Foreign Minister Velayati. During this meeting the Yugoslav envoy presented the Iranian foreign minister with a special message from the Yugoslav foreign secretary.

During this meeting Mr Velayati explained to the Yugoslav ambassador the Islamic Republic of Iran's reasons for wanting the forthcoming nonaligned heads of state's conference to be transferred from Baghdad to another place. The Iranian minister described the recent remarks made by Yugoslav officials on the possibility of holding the summit somewhere other than Baghdad as a step toward recognition of realities. Mr Velayati stressed that Iran is pursuing a policy of promoting reciprocal relations with Yugoslavia and unity among the nonaligned member states against the world devourers.

SRI LANKA

JAYEWARDENE APPOINTS NEW AGRICULTURAL MINISTER

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[Text] A minor Cabinet reshuffle was effected yesterday when President J.R. Jayewardene swore in Gamani Jayasuriya as the new minister of agricultural development and research.

Mr. Jayasuriya's appointment came hours after he had returned to the country following a World Health Organisation conference held in Geneva. He is reported to have been requested to return in order to accept his new portfolio.

The following changes were also made last night by the president:

Deputy minister of health -- Mrs. Sunethra Ranasinghe (MP for Dehiwela).

Deputy minister of posts and telecommunications -- Chandra Bandara (at present deputy minister of agricultural development and research).

Deputy minister of Omnibus Transport -- Premaratne Gunasekera (at present deputy minister of health).

Deputy minister of agricultural development and research -- S. Abeywickrema (MP for Akmeemana).

Deputy minister of Mahaveli -- M.L.M. Aboosally (district minister of Ratnapura).

Nanda Mathew -- the deputy minister of Mahaveli was sworn in as district minister for Ratnapura.

The reshuffle was announced yesterday shortly after the conclusion of the probe by a high level cabinet team into certain multi-million rupee transactions in the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Research.

The team headed by President J.R. Jayewardene and including Prime Minister R. Premadasa and Public Administration Minister Montague Jayewickrama concluded its inquiries last week. Both Mr. Senanayake and Ministry Secretary Ranjan Wijeratna were called before the probe team.

Mr. Wijeratna himself is expected to be replaced by Vincent Panditha, at present secretary to the Ministry of Textile Industries.

HEALTH MINISTER RESIGNS; ATTAPATTU ASSUMES POST

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[Text] Dr Ranjit Attapattu took the office of the minister of health today succeeding E.L. Senanayake who resigned his portfolio earlier in the day. Dr Attapattu retains charge of family health and Colombo hospitals of which he had been head as a minister outside the cabinet.

No reason was given for the resignation of Senanayake who had held cabinet office since the present government was constituted after the general election in 1977. He was minister of agricultural development and research till the 4th of May when he was appointed minister of health, a portfolio he had held earlier in the last Dudley Senanayake government. A former mayor of Kandy, he represented Kandy's lower parliament since March 1960. He is also senior member of the United National Party. Gamani Jayasuriya, who was appointed minister of agricultural development and research last week, continues in that office.